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DIS hosts Town Hall

The Directorate of Installation Support will host a Town Hall meeting 6 p.m., today at Murr Community Center to discuss the upcoming housing renovation project with the residents.

This is not a mandatory meeting and information covered at the town hall will also be covered through direct mailings. All affected residents are welcome to attend.

Residents having questions concerning this renovation project may contact Grace White at 538-0172.

Heritage celebration set

The theme for the year 2000 Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration is "Voices for the Millennium." This year's celebration will commence on Friday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Fort Huachuca Main Exchange.

Events include sharing Asian and Pacific Islander culture through food tasting, dancing, martial arts and exhibitions. All the festivities are free and may be enjoyed by everyone.

For information, call the post Equal Opportunity office at 533-5305, 533-1717 or 538-0533.

Logistics closed

In order to participate in an OSHA Award Ceremony, Logistics Base Operations Support offices will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday. This includes the Passenger and Property Transportation Offices, Student Transportation Office, Maintenance Division, CIF, GPO, ASP, POL Points, TMP and the Consolidated Warehouse.

In the event of an emergency, call 533-5842, 533-2041, 533-2642 or 533-3141.

All benefit from DoD, industrial partnerships

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The military needed a way to send messages around the world, and thus, the Internet was born. Troops needed a better way to navigate, and thus GPS, the Global Positioning System, was born.

In both cases, one thing simply led to another. That's the underlying premise of 'dual-use technology.'

Military research and development has led to the production of many items that are now part of everyday life. Instant coffee, powdered milk, digital watches, and lightweight graphite bicycles and tennis racquets all have military roots. In aviation, a long-term relationship between the military and industry has led to America's dominant role in the world market.

Today's home computers are now linked to the World Wide Web and planes, boats and privately owned vehicles feature GPS. In fact, because of new technology that allows the military to degrade GPS signals by region as situations may require, the Clinton administration recently lifted restrictions that immediately increased GPS' accuracy tenfold for users.

The Defense Department is expanding this link between the military and the civilian world through research and development partnerships with corporate America. Since 1997, DoD has initiated 283 joint projects to develop technology that can be used by both the armed forces and by private industry.

DoD has invested about \$400 million through its Dual Use Science and Technology Program. Corporate America has invested another \$440 million in the program.

Maintaining technological superiority on future battlefields depends on DoD's ability to take advantage of advances occurring in commercial industry, according to Jacques Gansler, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics. DoD wants to take advantage of the efficiencies, innovation, reduced cycle time and lower cost technologies coming from the commercial world.

"Dual use is essential to the overall research and development effort of the Penta-

gon," Gansler said at a recent seminar on emerging technologies. "While government research and development remains important, we have to recognize that in many areas that are relevant to us — particularly information warfare and information-based systems for the warfighter — commercial developments are

as important as perhaps any we make ourselves."

DoD oversees the Dual Use Science and Technology Program implemented by the Army, Navy and Air Force. "We try to partner with industry to develop technology we both

need," said program manager Dan Petonito. Ultimately, the goal is to reduce DoD's acquisition and logistics costs by using commercial products, he said.

DoD shares investment costs 50-50 with commercial partners. About 25 percent of the funds for a project come from DoD's \$30 million annual budget for the pilot program. Another 25 percent come from the service laboratories. The balance comes from nonfederal sources, primarily industry.

Instead of designing technology specifically for the military, civilian officials incorporate defense considerations into commercial designs, Petonito explained. A company named Continental Teves, for example, partnered with the Army to develop an anti-lock brake system for medium-duty trucks. Continental Teves put up 75 percent of the project cost and the Army put up the rest.

"For that 25 percent, they made sure that the system would not only work on medium-duty trucks, but also on the Army's Humvees," he said. "They actually incorporated some unique requirements that would not necessarily have been incorporated if they hadn't gotten that money from the Army."

Modifications to meet military needs are not necessarily costly if made during the design phase, Petonito said. "But to take that same system and then try to modify it for the Humvee later would not only cost considerably more, but you wouldn't have a commercial item anymore."

Upcoming joint development projects are aimed at producing affordable sensors, advanced propulsion, power and fuel efficiency,



DoD photo

A soldier prepares to heat a meal using a flameless ration heater being developed by the Army and TDA Research Inc. The heater may also be marketed commercially for camping and for school and workplace lunches.

information and communications systems, weapons systems sustainment, environmental as well as medical and bioengineering technologies.

Along with the potential for military use, Petonito said, dual use technology has to have sufficient commercial potential to support a viable industrial base.

"That's really the key. You can develop the technology, incorporate it into commercial products which support an industrial base, and then DoD can tap into it."

In lieu of standard contracting procedures, dual use program officials use cooperative agreements and other transactions.

"They give us a lot of flexibility and allow us to attract commercial companies," Petonito said. "We don't have to go through the federal acquisition regulations. For all intents and purposes, we can start with a clean piece of paper, sit down with an industry partner and come up with our own terms for progress payments, audits and intellectual property rights."

For more information about the Dual Use Science and Technology Program, visit <http://www.dtic.mil/dust>.

The Scout's Chaplain

God's influence — another kind of DUI

*By Chap. (Col.) Thomas R. Decker
Installation Staff Chaplain*

Okay, Scout, the brigade commander's message said that one of 2/28 Infantry's trucks had been in a bad accident on the Autobahn. He wanted me to go to the hospital.

The soldiers were in the emergency room, but neither appeared to be injured.

When they saw the chaplain's cross, one of the soldiers told me what happened.

They had been the last truck in the convoy when a large foreign truck rear ended their 5-ton. The impact was so severe that it upended the truck, broke it in half, and flipped it over on the pavement. The truck skidded upside down about 100 meters down the middle of the Autobahn.

The driver and his assistant told me that they really didn't know what had happened only to realize that they were tied in by seat belts upside down as they watched the sparks fly around their heads as the truck careened down the roadway. Neither had been injured; they were, however, very shaken up.

The brigade commander came to the ER to see if they were okay. When he saw they were uninjured, he left.

The assistant driver then told me the rest of the story as he pulled out a large leather bound Bible, grinned broadly, thumped the book, and said that he and the driver had been talking about the Word just

before the accident happened. He enthusiastically concluded that it was the presence of the Almighty that had preserved them from any harm. I had to agree.

The driver of the large semi was ultimately charged with DUI.

The occupants of the military vehicle also had a DUI, but it was not the influence of alcohol — they were under the influence of a gracious and powerful God as He watched over them to preserve them from all harm and danger even though "the sparks were a flyin'!"

In a sense we all drive through life "DUI" with the providential protection of a watchful and caring God surrounding us to preserve life.

The problem is that we are naively unaware of God's presence as we roar through life thinking that we're in charge. An accident, an illness, a brush with the law changes all that in the twinkling of an eye as we desperately look for the influence of the Almighty! We want his deliverance and protection, and we want it now!

The wonder is that God's presence does not change even when life turns tragic, as it often does.

What a joy to be young and think that life will last forever with no consequences! And what an awakening it is to grow old and realize that God has been with us the whole way! Driving under God's influence is the only kind of DUI to have!

Armed Forces Day

Fifty years ago, President Truman issued a proclamation establishing Armed Forces Day to celebrate the unification of all the military forces under a single department and to pay tribute to the servants and protectors of our great Nation.

Today, that tradition continues by honoring the 2.7 million men and women in uniform. Scattered across the globe, you enforce no-fly zones in Iraq, patrol the demilitarized zone in Korea, provide a safe and secure environment in the Balkans, and continue to train to ensure responsiveness should the Nation call.

Perhaps the most important lesson we have learned over the last 50 years is that the backbone and strength of the Armed Forces is our people. Although our equipment is top-notch and uses cutting-edge technology, our success remains tied to the men and women who serve loyally, who serve ably, and who serve proudly.

President Roosevelt once said a requirement for a good citizen is that he should be willing and able to pull his own weight. To all the men and women who answered the call to public service, thank you for pulling your own weight and helping make this country the envy of the world. You are truly America's Best, and I salute each of you for your dedication, loyalty, and hard work.

May God bless you and may God continue to bless America.

Sincerely,

*Henry H. Shelton
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

Kubs Korner

MEDDAC's Soldier of Month

Spc. Jose Castillo, a pharmacy specialist (91Q), is MEDDAC's April Soldier of the Month.

Castillo has recently been removed from the AR 600-9 weight control program and has demonstrated a commitment to personal improvement by scoring over 90 percent in each event in April's Physical Training testing, thus

earning the Army Fitness Award.

This month he scored 191 on his promotion board. He is also pursuing an Associate's Degree in Mathematics from Cochise College. Castillo has also recently reenlisted.

MEDDAC takes great pride in this soldier and congratulates him on his accomplishments and leadership potential.

Commentary

Sometimes it's not a bad idea for men to ask for directions

*By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff*

Mother's Day is over, and the femininity batteries are recharged throughout households around the world.

It's interesting. One of my office coworkers, my boss actually, contributed that idea to Mother's Day. That it's a recharge of their feminine side, having to put up with masculinity throughout the year. I thought it was a very interesting idea. You have to put up with our keg drinking, can crushing, wrestling watching, football/basketball/baseball season hibernation, do-it-for-ourselves-save-money-because-we-can-do-it-bet-

ter-than-the-pros attitudes, and a host of other stereotypes.

I see the women in my family and in my office in an entirely different light because of that simple idea. I also realize that we all need a little battery recharge now and again. But I think that it isn't a day that recharges you, just a little appreciation and gratitude.

We all have foibles, things inherently male or female, that grate on the other gender's nerves. We are, after all, from different planets. I recently read an interesting news note that made me more aware that these foibles are alive and well.

A Brooklyn, N.Y., school bus driver was arrested recently after picking up the kids on his route for school and driving around aimlessly for eight hours. He didn't know where the school was and wouldn't stop and ask for directions.

Can you imagine how his wife felt? She probably needed a massive battery recharge. The regular things he said to placate her after getting lost on a long drive just wouldn't work in this case.

"I knew where I was going," he'd say.

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Army to participate in Fort Apache Heritage Reunion

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

Fort Huachuca is proud to participate in the first annual Fort Apache Heritage Reunion, Saturday at the White Mountain Apache Tribe’s Fort Apache Historical Park.

The 4th Regiment of U.S. Cavalry (Memorial), known as B Troop, will perform authentic cavalry maneuvers in 1880s uniforms and the Jazz Ensemble of the 36th Army Band will also participate in the reunion.

The Great Reunion will bring together members of the Apache community both on and off the Fort Apache Reservation, as well as former students and staff of the Theodore Roosevelt School, Apache Veterans of the World War II, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War and the Gulf War. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the grand marshal of the event.

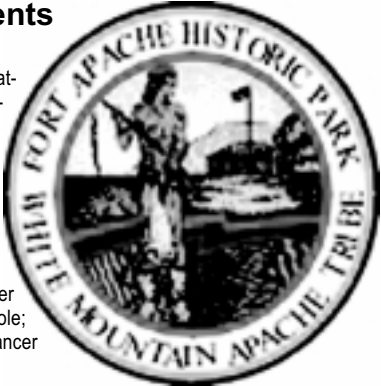
Fort Huachuca and Fort Apache have a long, intertwined history. In the distant past, before European contact, the White Mountain Apache hunted and gathered food and materials for manufacturing tools and utensils in Garden Canyon and elsewhere on post. Much later, Apache Scouts and Buffalo Soldiers serving at Fort Apache were transferred to Fort Huachuca. Alchesay Barracks located on Fort Huachuca is named after Alchesay, an Apache Scout and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient who served at Fort Apache.

Presently, Fort Huachuca is planning the construction of a Native American interpretive center and a concept plan will be presented to tribal representatives in June. This project, with the advice and consent to tribal representatives, will reestablish prehistoric and historic connection between the White Mountain Apache and Fort Huachuca.

More can be learned about the Fort Apache Heritage Reunion by clicking on www.wmat.nsn.us/reunion.html.

Fort Apache Heritage Reunion schedule for Saturday events

8 a.m.	Processions pass in review, join on parade ground to form large oval. Groups participating include White Mountain Apache Youth Color Guard Pride Makers, White Mountain Apache community including elders and youth groups, other tribal communities, families of Apache Scouts, US Army led by B Troop, Buffalo Soldiers led by Kareem Bridge Builders, Hispanic and Chinese community representatives and other civilian employees of military, pioneers and settlers, Theodore Roosevelt School Alumni & Staff and BIA representatives
8:30 a.m.	Remarks and introductions mistress of ceremonies, Mary Kim Titla Benedictions and welcome Remarks and reflections: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar; Col. Michael W.Boardman, Commander U.S. Army Garrison Fort Huachuca; Mark McDermott; royalty; others; Army Band; dedication of new flagpole; Pledge of Allegiance (in Apache), announcement of Allan Houser exhibit opening by Phillip Haozous, Crown Dancer Jamboree in center of parade ground
10-11 a.m.	B Troop riding demonstration; Buffalo Soldier riding demonstration
10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.	Living history camps, museum, exhibits and vendors open; Apache camps, Buffalo Soldier camp, B Troop cavalry camp, General Crook and command staff (including Army surgeon) camp exhibit viewing—Allan Houser: A Chiricahua Apache presence; demonstrations of diverse music, dance, crafts and foods
11 a.m.-4 p.m.	Reconciliation listening posts and talking circles open
11 a.m.-7 p.m.	Field events, including basketball, old-time baseball (Alchesay Scouts vs. Cavalry Bluecoats)
11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	All-class reunion celebration event for Theodore Roosevelt School students and staff, TRS gymnasium, special campus tour, photograph and story swap
Noon	Gathering of veterans and families of veterans and scouts
Noon-6 p.m.	Guided tours of fort and building interiors, leaving every hour on the hour from log cabin
2-3 p.m.	Kareem Abdul-Jabbar signs copies of a Season on the Reservation
5 p.m.	Raffle Grand Prize drawing
Noon-8 p.m.	Mainstage Entertainment: Rev. Guenther, Paul Ethelbah, Gen. Crook, WMAT Fashion Show, Knifewing, Expression Contest, Sevenmile Singers, Vincent Craig, Phillip Haozous, San Carlos Youth Project Cultural Dress Review, Ramon Riley, Apache Spirit, raffle and expression contest winner announcements, 36th Army Band Jazz Ensemble.



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“But you drove around for eight hours!” comes her retort.

“Yeah, but it was the scenic route,” he’d offer, somewhat shakily.

“You’re impossible! You get arrested for driving around for eight hours and still won’t accept that you were wrong ...” she would continue. And continue. And continue.

Hopefully she posted bail.

That last proposed statement is the crux of the argument though. Because of these foibles, these gender-based stereotypes we feel compelled to act upon, we’ll go to any length to prove that we’re right. Because it is our nature to do it, we’ll feel justified in doing it.

So, the next time you won’t stop and ask for directions, or feel that you must build an addition on to your house (even though you couldn’t even build a bird house in shop class), think about what this is doing to your wife, girlfriend, mother or daughter.

And women, the next time you drag us through the mall for hours on end, or want to know exactly what we’re thinking about at the moment you ask (it’s usually not much, or things you’d rather not know about) think about what that’s doing to the men in your life.

Maybe if we gave a little more thought to these acts, and what our foibles do to the mental state of the people we care about, we wouldn’t need to recharge our batteries. At least not quite as bad or as often.

But, then there’s children ...

Air Force instructor designs Armed Forces Day poster 2000

By Petty Officer 1st class Mark Therien
American Forces Press Service

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — For the first time in recent memory, the Department of Defense’s Armed Forces Day poster has been designed by a service member.

This year’s selection, a tribute to the men and women who have served in the military since the first Armed Forces Day in 1950, was designed by Air Force Master Sgt. Douglas Sanderson, a graphic artist and graphics instructor at the Defense Information School here.

The poster selection is part of the annual Armed Forces Day program coordinated by the Department of Defense through the American Forces Information Service. In past years, commercial artists were contracted to do the poster artwork, but Lois Nutwell, a visual information specialist at AFIS, said the agency decided to try something different for the 50th anniversary.

Nutwell went to the information school with past posters, talked to instructors and tried to recruit them into designing a 2000 poster. Sanderson said the response was lukewarm.

“It didn’t look like anyone wanted to contribute,” he said. But he took a chance. He called Nutwell and volunteered his services.

He knew the project would give him and his command good exposure, he said, so, using photographic and illustrative computer programs and working mainly at home, he created a mock-up and sent it to Nutwell. She in turn forwarded the proposal to Bill Harris, the DoD Armed Forces Day coordinator.

“I thought it would be apropos for somebody wearing the uniform to be the one who

designed the poster, so I contacted Doug directly,” Harris said.

Sanderson’s original submission contained an American flag as a backdrop, with the names of different campaigns and battles laid in over the top, in the style of the Vietnam memorial, and bordered by various campaign ribbons.

But the real work began once Sanderson’s submission was selected.

“I worked on it for about three months with Mr. Harris,” Sanderson recalled. “He was like my art director. He’d send me an e-mail about every other day suggesting a change.”

“They wanted to make it more personal,” he said. “I got the idea of putting the faces of the troops on there.” Sanderson removed the service logos and found images of military people of various services, nationalities and sexes over the last 50 years.

The result is 18 ghost-like representative service members overlaid on the flag background. “I don’t know if you can see it, but if you look at the shape of the heads, they form a rainbow,” he said.

And the border of ribbons changed. Sanderson’s original submission contained only campaign and operational ribbons. Sanderson added ribbons for service medals, service awards and reservist medals.

Even with the compromises, he said, he believes the poster’s message is clear.

After some fine-tuning, Sanderson had created a finished product that DoD accepted, then printed in 70,000 copies for distribution to military installations and activities nationwide. The image also graces the front of 50,000 cachet envelopes that will be distributed from the Pen-



Photo by Petty Officer 1st class Mark Kettenhofen, USN

Air Force Master Sgt. Douglas Sanderson of Fort Meade, Md., designed this year’s 50th anniversary Armed Forces Day poster.

tagon bearing a special Armed Forces Day 50th anniversary stamp cancellation. Four 8-by-4 panels made with Sanderson’s flag backdrop will be part of a permanent display at the Pentagon.

“This is probably the most exposure for anything I’ve ever done,” Sanderson said. And recognition: He received the Joint Service Commendation Medal in a Wednesday Pentagon ceremony from Army Gen. Richard B. Myers, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(Editor’s note: Navy Petty Officers 1st class Mark Therien and Mark Kettenhofen are photojournalism instructors at the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Md.)

Identity theft: protecting your good name

In conjunction with Safety Stand Down Day, the Judge Advocate General Office is taking steps to inform the community about identity theft. The JAG office will have an information table at Murr Community Center and the fort post office on Tuesday.

*By Maria Teresa McNeilly-Anta
Legal Assistance Office*

Identity theft is a federal crime. Identity theft occurs when someone:

“knowingly transfers or uses, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person with the intent to commit, or to aid or abet, any unlawful activity that constitutes a violation of federal law, or that constitutes a felony under any applicable state or local law.”

Under the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998, a name, Social Security Number (“SSN”), credit card number, cellular telephone electronic serial number or any other piece of information that may be used alone or in conjunction with other information to identify a specific individual is considered a “means of identification.”

The potential harm caused by an identity thief is exponential. The fact is someone can easily pry into your private life, steal your identity, and rob you blind. Protect your good name by reading on, becoming informed, and taking action.

How does identity theft occur?

Identity theft occurs when someone steals identity information from readily available documents or the Internet. The following

are examples of how identity thieves obtain your personal information and assume your identity.

— **How identity thieves obtain your personal information:**

They steal wallets and purses containing your identification and credit, and bank cards.

They steal your mail, including your bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, telephone calling cards, and tax information.

They rummage through your trash, or the trash of businesses, for personal information.

They use personal information you share on the Internet.

— **How identity thieves assume your identity:**

They call your credit card issuer and, pretending to be you, ask to change the mailing address on your credit card account. The thief then runs up charges on your account. Because your bills are being sent to the new address, it may take some time before you realize there’s a problem.

They open a new credit card account, using your name, date of birth and SSN. When they use the credit card and don’t pay the bills, the delinquent account is reported on your credit report.

They establish phone or wireless service in your name.

They buy cars by taking out auto loans in your name.

Minimize your risk

Minimize your risk by managing your personal information wisely and taking these five easy steps:

— Guard your SSN and military identification and privilege card, only give them out when absolutely necessary. Remember you do not have to give this personal information out just because businesses ask for it. Ask to use other forms of identification. When someone asks you for your SSN or military identification and privilege card, ask them the following questions:

Why do you need it?

How will it be used?

What law requires me to give you it?

What will happen if I don’t give it to you?

The answers to these questions will help you decide if you want to share your SSN and/or military identification and privilege card with the business.

— Order a copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus twice a year. Bear in mind that the three credit reports may vary. Carefully review each credit report. Verify the accuracy of any accounts that show derogatory information. Check your inquiries carefully. Outdated information may not be reported. The bureau may not report negative information that is more than seven years old; ten years for bankruptcies. As for inquiries, access to you file is limited. Inquiries can only be made with your permission; investigate any unfamiliar inquiries.

In the event of an error in your credit report, call and notify the bureau of the error in writing. Your letter should clearly identify each item in your report that you dispute, give facts and explain why you dispute the information. Finally, demand that inaccurate information be corrected or deleted from you file. Remember to keep a copy of the letter you send for your records.

Note that under the Fair Credit Reporting Act a credit bureau is required to remove or correct inaccurate or unverified information from its files within 30 days after you dispute it. In addition, the credit bureau may not then report the information without including a notice of your dispute. If a credit bureau violates the FCRA, you may sue them in state or federal court.

Equifax, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241 or call 1-800-685-1111.

Experian, P.O. Box 949, Allen, TX 75013-0949 or call 1-888-397-3742.

Trans Union, 760 Sproul Road, P.O. Box 390, Springfield, PA 19064-0390 or call 1-800-916-8800.

— Invest in a paper shredder. Shred your charge receipts, tax forms, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, catalogue order forms, bank checks and statements you are discarding, expired charge cards and pre-approved credit offers you get in the mail.

— Password protect your credit card, bank, and phone accounts. Do not use readily available information such as your mother’s maiden name, your date of birth, telephone number, or your SSN.

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Commentary

Contributing to AER — know the facts

*By 1st Sgt. David Owen
309th MI Bn.*

As an Initial Entry Training first sergeant, I am both impressed by and proud of the numerous contributions to the current Army Emergency Relief Campaign by our young warriors new to the Army. Entire platoons have contributed in total, without coercion or promise of special favor, solely because they have seen, or been recipients of, the many ways AER has helped them and others in their short careers.

What was strange to me though was the seeming reluctance of experienced cadre members to contribute to a program they’ve known about throughout their (in some cases) lengthy careers.

When I asked one staff sergeant about this, he confessed that many of the cadre members felt the AER Campaign was a “statistical media blitz” and did not directly benefit the soldier. I asked why he and the others believed this, to which he cited a situation where a young noncommissioned officer assigned to Korea was denied an AER loan to take emergency leave. Of course, the NCO telling me this was not one to whom this happened, nor did he even possess first hand knowledge of the incident, yet he was making his decision to not contribute based solely on this story. It was a classic case of “I heard from someone who knew someone that this happened to.”

Having heard my share of “urban legends” passed as gospel from one person to the next, I did a bit of investigating into what actually happened and discovered the following:

The NCO who was denied the AER loan, had lost an uncle with whom he was very close, but who was not an “In Loco Parentis” family member. This meant the uncle had not served in place of a parent to the NCO for five years or more prior to the NCO becoming 19 years of age. Based on that, AER did not approve the loan in this instance.

Reason enough not to contribute? Think on this then. When I queried my cadre during a sensing session I challenged any of them to cite for me an instance where someone they knew of first hand was denied AER during a time of crisis involving an immediate family member. None could. What this showed me, and what I am trying to convey to those who might have reservations or misapprehensions regarding contributing to AER, is that many have not taken the time to learn when AER can and will help those in need.

If you take nothing else away from this article, I ask that you simply take the time to know the facts in regard to how and when soldiers can benefit from AER. You never know, it might help you better care for a soldier you are responsible for, or even for yourself.

Kubbs Korner

The following Fort Huachuca volunteers were honored at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon Friday.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Rose Gunn	Dental Activity
Joni Bergey-Wegner	FHOCS
Nina Sanchez	Smith Middle
Veronica Price	Smith Middle
Sgt. Norma Brooks	69th Signal Company
Lynn Michaud	ACS
Laura Frank	Chapel
John Noland	Chapel
Caroline Noland	Chapel
Chris Ehney	B-Troop
Katharina Criscuolo	ISEC
Paula Carrington	FHOCS
Jim Dottle	Physical Exams
Ingeborg Dube	American Red Cross
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Marguerite Vidakovich	Johnston Elementary
Cynthia Bray	Johnston Elementary
June Coe	SJA Tax Center
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Maria Nolde	Thrift Shop
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Vivian Bruns	MICA

Units
314TH training Squadron, USAF
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11th Signal Brigade

Brigade honors East Timor soldiers

By Sgt. Kenneth E. Lowery II
11th Signal Bde. PAO NCOIC

The 11th Signal Brigade hosted an award ceremony May 12 to pay homage to those soldiers within the brigade who deployed to Darwin, East Timor and parts of Northern Australia in support of Operation Stabilise this past October.

The ceremony was hosted by Lt. Col. Michael S. Yarmie, 86th Signal Battalion commander. Among the guests in attendance were Maj. Gen. William H. Russ, commander, Army Signal Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Paylor, command sergeant major, Army Sig-

nal Command.
Russ participated in the ceremony by personally handing out medals to the awardees.

“I want you to know that I am extremely proud,” said Russ to the soldiers and family members in the audience. “We are the team of choice. You’ve demonstrated that you are the team, the signal team of choice.”



Photos by Sgt. Kenneth E. Lowery

Maj. Gen. William H. Russ, Commander, ASC, commends the soldiers.



Soldiers of Operation Stabilise stand in front of the brigade awaiting their awards.

Rabies threat warning; state lab protects public

ADHS release

Campers, hikers or anyone working or playing outdoors this time of year should be extra careful to avoid contact with bats and other wild animals that are behaving strangely and may be carrying the rabies virus, the Arizona Department of Health Services advised.

Last week, five people were exposed to rabies after handling rabid bats in three separate incidents.

An eight-year-old child was bitten during the day while picking up a bat from Christopher Creek near Payson. In Pima County, a teacher was exposed after handling a rabid bat, and three school children were exposed in Gila county after finding a rabid bat on the ground before school opened.

A fourth rabid bat was found in Maricopa County, but it did not have any human or pet contact. Two additional bats that were being handled by children—one in Pima County and one in Gila County—on school grounds were tested at the Arizona State Laboratory and did not have rabies.

“People and pets can be exposed to rabies when they attempt to assist, feed or

handle wild animals,” said Dr. Mira Leslie, ADHS Public Health Veterinarian.

“Any time a person or pet has contact with a wild animal it should be considered potentially rabid and reported to local animal control or health officials for testing,” she added.

The State Lab, which is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to public health crises, tests more than 2,000 animals a year for rabies, preventing many people from having to go through stressful rabies post exposure treatment. Individuals who are exposed to a rabid animal must promptly receive rabies vaccines and anti-rabies serum to stop the disease. The rabies shots are not given in the stomach, but are expensive and require five health care visits.

The five people who were exposed to the rabies virus as demonstrated by the State Lab have started vaccine treatment to prevent rabies infection from developing.

The recent attack of a child by a mountain lion near Bartlett Lake shows how quickly the lab responds to public health

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Air Force revamps its policy on prior service

USAF release

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force is opening its doors to former sister service members who qualify to join.

Up to now, former soldiers, sailors, Marines, and members of the Coast Guard could only access into the Air Force if they held specialties in a very narrow series of career fields. The new authorization allows for all eligible people with compatible career fields to access directly into the Air Force.

Training opportunities are also available for former service members trained in specialties not current used by the Air Force. “These training opportunities are primarily available in the mechanical and electrical career fields,” said Master Sgt. Jeff Moore, chief of Air Force Recruiting Service’s prior service program.

Honorably discharged veterans who have been out of the military no longer than 6 years and have no more than 12 years of total active military service can find out more by contacting Staff Sgt. Kevin Eastman at 458-0444, or by calling 1-800-423-USAF.



Sick bats are rabies threat

By Maj. John K. Harmer, DVM MPH
Veterinary Services

The subject of rabies and bats seems forever linked in our folk tales and personal paranoia. There is just enough science to back up the fear and keep it in our minds.

When bats get rabies they die of it the same as any other mammal. Only difference is that it takes longer for bats to die from rabies. For this reason they carry the disease longer and have a longer period where they could be potentially infectious. Fortunately in this country there are no breeds of bats that routinely bite other animals.

So how risky is it to have a bat around? That depends on the type of exposure people have to it.

In Austin, Texas they have encouraged a huge population of bats right in the middle of the city and have generated a tourist industry worth \$8 million a year around watching the bats fly out at night.

This bat population is estimated at several million animals and consumes over two tons of flying insects daily. There is absolutely no increase in human or animal rabies around Austin compared to any other city in central

Texas.

Since there is a measurable drop in insect borne diseases in the area the citizens of Austin are very proud of their bat population.

On the other hand; recently in Arizona there were two rabid bats found in schoolyards. This resulted in four kids and one teacher having to go to the hospital and get the standard two or three shots in their arms and the four follow-on vaccines. Not terribly painful but extremely expensive and very stressful if you are worrying about getting rabies.

The big difference is in how the people and the bats interact with each other. A healthy bat flying around is not a threat for rabies. The bats in the schools were sick enough that they let the children and the teacher handle them. A sick bat on the ground represents a serious threat and should never be handled. Any bat that lets you approach and handle it should be considered dangerous.

If you find any sick or dead bats on post call Kim Bartline at 538-0492 or after hours call the Military Police Desk at 533-3000. They will arrange for pick-up of the animals and subsequent rabies testing.

Community Updates

DOIM schedules maintenance

The Directorate of Information Management will be conducting Exchange system maintenance on the third weekend of each month. This scheduled downtime will be used to perform defrags on the Information Stores, load software upgrades, and is intended to minimize the impact on mission while providing a regularly planned maintenance day that users can plan around if at all possible.

The system will be brought down at 6 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month, and be brought back online as soon as possible but no later than 6 p.m. Sunday barring any problems beyond our control. The first scheduled maintenance is planned for Saturday.

We will send out a reminder 48 hours in advance of each scheduled maintenance day to ensure that there is no unforeseen conflict with supporting the Intel Center's mission. As always, mission takes priority and we will adjust our pre-planned maintenance day if mission critical events, requiring the use of Exchange Server, are scheduled for that weekend of the month.

Any conflicts with this schedule should be addressed to the Director, Information Management at 533-5211.

Field Sanitation class

The quarterly Preventive Medicine Field Sanitation Class will be held 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., June 5-9 at the Fort Huachuca Education Center. All enlisted personnel, active duty or reservist from any of the Armed services are eligible to attend. The potential attendee does not have to be stationed at Fort Huachuca to attend. To be officially enrolled in the Field Sanitation class, fax a memorandum of request to include the soldier's name, rank, social security number and primary MOS to Preventive Medicine at 520-538-0886 DSN 821-0886. Acceptance is on a space available basis so those memos that are received first will get first priority. The deadline for all memos is today. For information, call Cpl. Crayton or Spc. Oliveras at 533-9013 or 533-7031. DSN is 821.

DOIM training classes

The Directorate of Information Management is offering several computer training classes during May. Classes include HTML, today; FormFlow, Monday; Basic Excel, Wednesday; Advanced Excel, May 25; and PowerPoint, May 31.

The DOIM is holding training classes in all of Office 97 software throughout the month of May. To get registered for these classes, call Pfc. Jamie Gert at 533-2868.

Job fair scheduled

Military-to-civilian job fair today from noon to 7 p.m., featuring up to 50 companies, including GTE Technology Organization, Nortel Networks, Fujitsu Network Communications, SAIC, Signal Corporation, ARINC, Mantech, Sterling Software/Com-

puter Associates, Ilex Systems, TEKsystems, USAA, Edward Jones, Corporate Placements, Bradley-Morris, Chick-fil-A and many more.

Free to separating, retiring and former/retired military personnel (all ranks, all services) and adult family members. The job fair is located at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center, 2047 S. Highway 92 in Sierra Vista. No pre-registration is required. For information, visit www.CorporateGray.com or call (703) 690-6826.

CoC inventory due

Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion will conduct a change of command on June 9. The change of command inventories started Monday and will run through June 2. Any unit owning equipment from B/304 needs to return the equipment no later than Friday. The point of contact is 1st Lt. John Marshall at 533-2770 or Staff Sgt. Bonesteel at 533-3440.

AAFES opens Garden Center

The long awaited opening of the new Garden Center here by AAFES officials takes place Friday at 10 a.m. and continues Saturday with a "Grand Opening Sale."

Construction on the new facility, located next to the AAFES Furniture store in Building 52048, began late last year.

AAFES customers will find gardening needs such as potting soil, gardening tools, lawn mowers, outdoor furniture, grills and both indoor and outdoor plants, all under one roof. Also, from the fort's Water Wise and Energy Smart Office, Cheri Melton and Ginger Maxey will be assisting customers between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday.

New Saturday bus service

Beginning Saturday, the Sierra Vista Public Transit will begin a new Saturday express route with a direct connection from Fort Huachuca to the Mall and other locations throughout the city. Saturday stops on post include Clothing Sales, Commissary, Post Exchange and Mini Mall.

Plans are underway to incorporate the express service into the current Monday-Friday schedule, as well as extending service hours to 10 p.m.

New schedules are available at the Ethel Berger Center, Oscar Yrun Community Center, Chamber of Commerce and City Hall. Schedules may also be picked up at the Transit office, 101 North 1st Street, Sierra Vista. For information, call 459-0595.

Walk for health

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Wilcox, Sierra Vista. Plans are underway for our annual Oktoberfest event in conjunction with the City of Sierra Vista's Oktoberfest 2000. For information, call Wendy Breen at 378-1763.

Army seeks success stories

"How the Military Changed My Life" is the theme for a new project by Arnold Shapiro Productions for the USAA Educational Foundation.

The project will consist of five videos, one for each service, profiling true stories of men and women whose lives have been changed for the better as a result of the opportunities afforded them by serving.

The videos will be tailored to the specific requests of each service's recruiting command so that the videos can be used for recruiting; the best stories will then be woven into a television special for airing on a cable network. Arnold Shapiro has asked for help in finding inspiring stories.

After consulting with U.S. Army Recruiting Command, he is particularly interested in featuring young enlisted soldiers under age 30 currently serving in the Army. We need your help to locate soldiers who would be good candidates to participate in this project. Brief written accounts for each individual which address the theme "How the Military Changed My Life," along with contact information should be submitted to Sgt. 1st Class LaToya Sizer, USAIC&FH Public Affairs NCOIC, in Building 21115 or e-mail sizerl@huachuca-emh1.army.mil. Entries must be received by May 26.

Special missions recruits

A recruiting team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command will visit Fort Huachuca to brief on opportunities to become an Army Warrant Officer and Recruiter. Briefings will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday at the Fitch Auditorium. The Warrant Officer briefs will be at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. The Recruit the Recruiter briefs will be at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day. Each briefing will inform soldiers about the career fields available to include the Warrant Officer Aviation Program, and volunteer Recruiter program. While applications are being accepted for all Warrant Officer MOSs, the following specialties are needed immediately: Special Forces, Criminal Investigation, Signal, Aviator, Transportation, and all Military Intelligence fields. The Aviation Program is open to all qualified soldiers regardless of MOS and rank, while all other Warrant Officer MOSs are open to sergeants and above who meet select criteria.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Obeso or Sgt. 1st Class O'Brien at 533-2084 or 533-1707.

Soldiers unable to attend one of these briefings can receive information on the Warrant Officer and volunteer Recruiter program from their local Personnel Services Detachment/Military Personnel Division or on the Internet at: www.usarec.army.mil.

DENTAC closed

The U.S. Army Dental Activity will close at 8:30 a.m., May 25, for Organization Day activities. Sick call hours will be from 7:15-8 a.m. Emergency dental patients should call the Prime Time Clinic at 533-9200 to notify them of the emergency.

MEDDAC training holiday

A military training holiday is authorized by the MEDDAC commander for all military personnel on May 26. Civilian personnel will take compensatory time or annual leave. As a result, there will be a change in some MEDDAC supported services as follows:

Pharmacy at the PX location will be closed.

RWBAHC Pharmacy will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Prime Time Clinic will operate as normally scheduled for a training holiday, noon-8 p.m..

The MIVAS will operate on weekend sick call hours.

Fuel up at AAFES

Effective May 26, all GSA, non-tactical vehicles, utilizing unleaded fuel, must be fueled at the AAFES Gas Station on post. Diesel fuel will continue to be dispensed at the POL point on Carter street. Off-post gas stations accepting the GSA, Voyager Credit Card, may be used for unleaded gas fueling when AAFES is closed or in emergency situations. This change is in compliance with GSA, Amendment, No. 1, Memorandum of Agreement, No. 96-09-13-02. For information, call Tom Sochan, installation transportation officer, at 533-1434.

BRT summer auditions

Bisbee Repertory Theatre will hold auditions for their Theater for Young Actors and Teen Conservatory on May 26-27 at 1 p.m. at the theater, 94 Main Street. Children ages 7 to 12 will produce a musical version of "The Emperor's New Clothes" in four weeks of workshops, June 20-July 13. They will perform July 14-16.

The Teen Conservatory, for actors aged 13 and up, will produce an improvisational show through theater games. Theater games allow actors to create many characters and situations with both comedy and drama. Workshops will be July 17-Aug. 10 and performances will be Aug. 11-13.

Young people with experience and newcomers to theater alike will enjoy these workshops. Auditioners should come with parents, wear clothes they can move in and be prepared to be active and have fun.

Tuition for these programs is \$40, but scholarships are available for anyone who needs one.

For information, call 432-3786.

School News

Get college credit for your MOS

By Sharon Lewis
Education Services Specialist

Recently, a team from the American Council on Education visited Fort Huachuca to evaluate various Military Intelligence Military Occupational Specialties. The following enlisted and warrant officer MOSs were evaluated for college credit: 33W, 96B, 96D, 96H, 96Z, 97B, 97E, 97Z, 98C, 98G, 98H, 98J, 98Z, 350B, 350D, 351B and 351E.

College credit recommendations begin at skill level 30 for the enlisted MOS. There is no credit recommendation for skill levels 10 and 20 because there is no longer an MOS test to verify proficiency. The ACE team completed the evaluations and forwarded a copy of the credit recommendations to the Education Center. These exhibits will be in the 2000 edition of the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, which is commonly known as the ACE Guide.

Most of these MOSs are worth a great deal of college credit. For example, the following is the recommendation for a 96B, Intelligence Analyst:

Skill Level 30: In the lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, three semester hours in computer software applications, three in principles of supervision, three in technical report writing, three in regional geography, three in information systems, three in office administration, and three in speech communications. In the upper-division baccalaureate category, three semester hours in professional writing.

For Skill Level 40, there is an additional recommen-

dation in the upper division of three semester hours for a practicum in management and three in management of information systems.

At Skill Level 50, at the upper-division, there is an additional three semester hours in organizational development, and three in human resources.

The above credit recommendation is just for holding the MOS. The American Council on Education also evaluates formal service school courses and military courses involving at least 45 academic contact hours. So, for those soldiers at skill level 10 and 20, their primary source of military credit evaluated for college credit would come from their service schools, i.e., basic military training, initial entry training, and the Primary Leadership Development Course.

If a 96B Staff Sergeant was working on completing an Associate of General Studies with Cochise College and completed one course or more, then the Cochise College representative would evaluate the military credit based on the Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript.

Based on the above credit recommendation, the E-6 would receive credit for four classes (12 semester hours) in the general education area, with the additional credit applied to the elective area. With additional credit from service schools, at least half of an associate degree would be completed, just from the credit applied from military experience. This is a great savings in both time and money.

Stop by the Education Center and see a counselor for more information, or you can call us at 533-3010 or 2255.

Johnston School names year-end award winners

Colonel Johnston Elementary School will be holding its year-end awards ceremonies over the next two weeks. Tuesday will be the year end award ceremonies starting at 12:45 p.m. Academic Excellence, Most Improved, Citizenship, Attendance, Volunteers, Special Recognition, Law Day Winners, Social Studies and Science National Participants will all be recognized. All parents, guardians, sponsors, and community members are encouraged to attend.

Citizenship

First Grade: Monique Ford, Corey Kenyon, Shelby Reynolds, Victor Strange, Kari Olsen, Luis Morales, Sydney Dunstan, Joslin Williams, Amber Bivins, Blake Moore, Chloe Shamberger, Daniel Harney, Faith Jones, Donald Partington, Kathryn Marrs, Emilio Pedroza, Erin Corder and Akeria King.

Second Grade: Christopher Bosse, Javada Ciburk, Patrick Bray, Rebekah Brown, Alex O'Brien, Daniel Knutt, Jared Modlin, Precious Hacker, Rebecca Thomas, Joseph Jones, Emilee Douglas and Hector Godoy.

Third Grade: Jerrold Manago, Katie Germano, Phillip Scott, Ashley Rhoades, Denise Cox, David Arquette, Nicole Newton, Freddie Coleman, Marlon Manquette, Wayne Sherrill, Courtney Kerby, Calvin Ciburk and Amanda Couch

Multi-Age: Andrew Cook, Lakeisha Horton, Andrea Farley, Jazmin Chapman, Sophie Baer, Ashley George, Daniel Ferris and Keith Mitchell

Academic Excellence

First Grade: Corey Kenyon, Karely Perez, Myles McDavid, Kimberly Wilson, Erik Tatro, Jessica Claybourn, Joshua Porter, Sabrina Zuniga, Taylor Mora, Kelsey Walker, Malcom McCullum, Shaina Frank, Dominique Pandy, Andrew McRae, Jacob Bell, Matthew Richardson and Fred Pagon

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Smith School tallies year's accomplishments

Academic Bowl Competition

Three 1st Places
One 3rd Place

Participated in Sierra Vista Holiday Parade
Two Performances in December
Two Performances in March
Received Superior with Distinction (highest rating) in Arizona Pageant of Bands in Phoenix
Two performances in May

Art

Cochise County Fair
Class Projects — two Blue Ribbons
Individual Projects — four Blue Ribbons
Huachuca Art Association
1st, 2nd, 3rd Place per grade level
Best of Show (West End Gallery) — Seventh Grade
Sierra Vista Mall: Seventh Grade — 1st Place, Eighth Grade — 2nd Place

Computer Olympics

Four 1st Places
Two 3rd Places
Six 2nd Places
Two 4th Places

Cowboy Poetry

Eighth grade — 1st Grand Prize
Seventh grade — Honorable Mention

Drama Club

1st semester performed original play — A Christmas Carol: The Next Generation (performed at Smith only)
2nd semester performed two plays: TV Commercials and Little Red Riding Hood (performed at all three schools on post) Both plays were produced by special arrangements with Contemporary Drama Services

Nat'l Geographic Geography Bee

Qualified for State level competition

Spelling Bee

7th Place Cochise County Spelling Bee

Y.E.S. Fair Science Awards

Sixth Grade — four
Seventh Grade — three
Eighth Grade — three

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Fort's OCSC awards scholarships

FHOCS release

Twenty-one high school seniors and adults continuing their education were honored at a luncheon given by the Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club Wednesday, at the LakeSide Activity Centre on Fort Huachuca.

The FHOCS has raised funds to help educate children of military families and Department of Defense civilians for more than 40 years. In recent years the club has extended its generosity to include adult family members continuing their education.

The FHOCS has also appealed to individuals and businesses in the Sierra Vista community to contribute to the scholarship fund with increasing success.

This year \$16,000 was disbursed to recognize 13 high school seniors and nine adult students with outstanding scholastic ability, leadership qualities, high moral standards and motivations toward a successful career.

Hard working and dedicated Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista community volunteers provided scholarship monies through club fundraisers such as the annual FHOCS Bazaar, Home Tour, Basket and Ornament Auctions, Ways and Means, and through the operation of the Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop.

Buena senior Michael Kushner was selected for the annual USPA & IRA

scholarship award, contributed to the FHOCS by the investment company since 1983. Ruperto Garnica, of Bisbee High School received the Lawley Motors Scholarship. Marcos Tanque was the recipient of the Armed Forces Bank scholarship and Hye-Jung Yi received the SM&A scholarship award.

Nine other Buena High School students were honored at the luncheon. They are Keri Pearce, Sarah Rhoades, Elizabeth Kiley, Julia Hatfield, Krystal Nelson, Amy Kovacs, Jeremy Whitworth, Tonia White and Charles Melo. Two students from Tombstone High School, Patrice Brooks and Rachael Shears, were also selected.

The scholarship committee has discovered in its travels to various high school award ceremonies that these excellent students are often the recipients of multiple scholarships designed to aid their efforts to get an education.

Adults continuing their education and honored at the luncheon include Leah Alejandro, Janice Edwards, Katherine Soleida, Harriet Montez, Johanna Goodman, and Laura and Charles Howard, who also received scholarship assistance from the club last year.

The FHOCS is proud of these students and is pleased to see such a fine return on their investment in the Fort Huachuca military community.



In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.



Jeannie's Diner, located in the Desert Lanes Bowling Center, is a casual, 50's and 60's theme restaurant that offers quick, friendly service and extremely affordable prices.

Breakfast is served to order from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. The breakfast menu includes breakfast burritos, omelettes, pancakes and eggs cooked to order. Stop in and try the best breakfast deal in town, the two egg breakfast. The two egg breakfast includes two eggs cooked any way you like them, toast, hashbrowns and your choice of meat all for under \$4.

Jeannie's lunch specials are not to be missed. Some customer favorites include: the southwest meatloaf, half pound burger and the open faced roastbeef sandwich. Friday is the "seafood basket" lunch featuring a different variety of seafood each week.

Jeannie's is a great place to bring the entire family for great food and a day or night of bowling. Consider having your next birthday party or get together at this great restaurant. Jeannie's not only offers breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks but also floats, sundaes and banana splits. To add to the nostalgic 50's and 60's theme, the main jukebox is free and plays all of the your favorite oldies.

Jeannie's is currently operating on the following summer hours: Monday-Thursday: 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturday: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 533-5759.



La Hacienda to host 'adult only' Live Urban Comedy Show on May 27

MWR release

On May 27 at 10:30 p.m. La Hacienda will host the Live Urban Comedy Show 2000. This Grace Entertainment Production is for adults only. You must be 18 years old and have a valid I.D. card to be admitted.

Opening the show is Charles Walden. Charles Walden has performed on Bet Comedy View, Comedy Central and Def Comedy Jam.

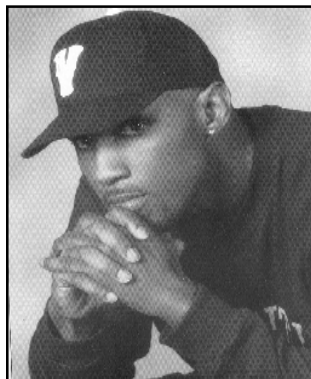
Darrell Kyle is the host of the show. Darrell Kyle may be recognized by some from his hilarious performance in the Live Comedy Show 2000 at La Hacienda

in February.

Headlining the show will be Tone X. Tone X recently opened for the Kings of Comedy Tour 2000. You may also have seen him on Showtime at the Apollo, Comedy Central and Def Comedy Jam.

Last but not least, Urban Comedy 2000 will feature Big Les. Big Les has appeared in several television sitcoms and comedy shows such as Showtime at the Apollo, Comic View and Def Comedy Jams, as well as films.

Don't miss what is sure to be a great show. Make sure to get your tickets early. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, call 533-3802.



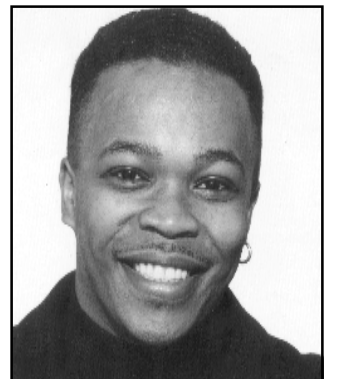
Tone X



Charles Walden



Big Les



Kyle

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Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout.

Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.



Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to visit new parents in the hospital and follow the family by phone for the first three months of the baby's life. The goal is to provide families with parenting information, emotional support and referrals to community resources. The next training class for volunteers is Sunday.



Free parenting classes

The New Parent Support Program at ACS is offering free classes to parents expecting their first baby. Classes are held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at ACS and are open to the public. Upcoming classes include: Assisting your Newborn's Development - May 24 & June 28, Caring for Your Newborn - June 7, Breastfeeding Your Newborn - June 14.

Moms meeting Moms

This support group is for first-time moms with babies birth-6 months. This group will meet 1-2:30 p.m. on the first and third Thurs., monthly. Moms, come with your babies and your questions!

For information, call Laurie Laychak 533-6877.

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Second Grade: Katie Harris, Joseph Do, Joshua Weaver, Deborah Henningsen, Jessica Ware, Gabrielle Collier, Susan Hansen, Tiffany Marshall, Jennifer Jorgensen, Julia Seals, Meghan Arquette, Sarah Hansen, Hector Godoy and Joseph McGeachy

Third Grade: Ashley Dunstan, Brittany Phillips, Jared Davis, Lukas Roberts, David Arquette, Denise Cox, Brianna Clark, Sarah Hazelmyer, Rebecca Ballard, Ralph Harris, Katrina Mora, Emily Mueller, Derek Lane, Jamesia Orr, Megan Kelly, Gabriel Bell, Endea Spears, Quaita Dodson and Caitlin McPhillips

Multi-Age: Ashley Serrano, Kate Kosoloeic, Elani Gonzales, Tony Knippel, Karlee Moxley, Corey Fry, Kirsten Hankinson and Sally Gonzalez

Most Improved Students

First Grade: Angela Roan, Carissa Brown, Jason

BARNES FIELD HOUSE

Raquetball tournament

On June 2,3 and 4, Barnes Field House will host a Double Elimination Raquetball Tournament. This tournament will be conducted in six divisions. Divisions are as follows: A, B, C, Novice, Mixed Doubles and Open Doubles. Entry deadline is May 31 at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 for the first event and \$10 for the second event.

Tournament committee reserves the right to combine divisions and reclassify players as deemed appropriate. For more information, contact George Thompson or Saufo Leutele at 533-3246.

Basketball courts will close

The basketball courts at Barnes Field House will be closed beginning June 5 for construction. Courts will reopen in July. Weight room, nautilus room, racquetball courts, volleyball and swimming areas will remain open.

Jorgenson, Ashley Hutchinson, Anthony Williamson, Chelsea Boothe, Joslin Williams, Chasity Jones, Renatta Mecozzi, Brittni Watkins, Anthony Hawkins, Gabrielle Webb, Gabriella Castillo, Ty Jenkins, Jade Thrush, Jan-Victor Manzueta, Justin Ulrich, Johnny Dewey and Sarai Orozco

Second Grade: Tyler Brantley, Michelle Benedix, Nicole Foxworth, Sarah Nieves, Dominic Jones, Ruben Castillo, Antonio Quinones, Tyree Smith, Ashly Biski and Chris Williams

Third Grade: Ralph Hunter, Valerian Bolduc, Travis Greene, Nicole Newton, Lorenzo Vargas, Caroline Wright, Marcus Guerrero, Carl Robinson, Brandon Kenyon, Winter Meade, Vanessa Ramirez and Jade Mahanke

Multi Age: Eli Victorson, Earlie Waller, Brandon Staggers, Tina Jones, Brittany Gross, Brittany Gouger, Benjamin Brown and Chelsey Johnson

pitality Management

Duana Gwendolin Lara: Human Services with specialization in Criminal Justice

Paula Meshell Lewis: Human Services with specialization in Criminal Justice

Daryl Alan Logan: Occupational Education with specialization in Computer Information Systems

Corlis J. McClendon (double major): Occupational Education with specialization in Computer Information Systems; and Business

Brett D. Mitchell: Human Services with specialization in Criminal Justice

Jacqueline Moate (double major), Religion; and Occupational Education with specialization in Business

Vernelle Oglesby: Occupational Education with specialization in Computer Information Systems

Charles A. Pisani (double major): Occupational Education with specialization in Business Administration; and Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology

John A. Richards (double major): Religion; and Occupational Education with specialization in Computer Program Technology



Memorial Trail Ride

The Buffalo Corral will offer a Memorial Day trail ride on May 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for the price of \$12 for suthorized MWR patrons and \$18 for the general public. Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business on May 26. The ride requires a minimum of 15 riders, or the corral will be closed.

Overnight ride on June 17

The Buffalo Corral will host the first summer overnight trail ride on June 17 not June 3 as reported previously. The ride will leave the corral at 8 a.m. and ride the foothills of the Huachucas into Garden Canyon up to the Boy Scout cabin at the start of Sawmill Canyon where you will be served a great steak dinner, party and camp overnight. Included are a cow-boy breakfast, 2 box lunches. The price is \$98 per person for authorized MWR patrons and \$125 for the general public. Reservations and a \$50, non-refundable deposit, are required by close of business Friday and payment in full is due at close of business May 26. A minimum of 15 riders needed and a maximum of 20.

Volunteer Recognition

Maria Andruszka, Eveline Arbino, Lori Azhar, Lori Berry, Mark Berry, Angela Biski, Cindy Bray, Sally Calhoun, Carol Ciburk, Elise Church, Denis Corder, Linda Corder, Pamela Cox, Linda Crawford, Mary Dewey, Tammy Downing, Helen Farley, Josie Friedrich, Cindy Fry, Cindy Gonzalez, Kathy Gray, Shelley Harris, Danny Ham, Angie Herron, Debra Holder, Debbie Kelly, Robert Ketchum, Tanya Ketchum, Lisa Loubriel, Erika Magill, Keith Messenger, Jennifer Mitchell, Blake Moore, Jennifer Moxley, Janet Nace, Lori O'Connell, Nicole Prothero, Audra Parker, Koleen Partington, Lelani Peterson, Karla Phillips, Veronica Price, Gloria Robinson, Doris Sanchez, Christine Sanchez, Rufino Sanchez, Rebecca Seals, Melanie Sholl, Shauna Silberhorn, Yvonne Stroud, Rebecca Tatro, Virginie Ulrich, Douglas Vidakovich, Marguerite Vidakovich, Janet Wagner, Donnagene Watkins, Stephanie Weber, Evelyn Will-

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Young American Awards

Seventh Grade — two

National Junior Honor Society Service Projects

Quarterly Honor Roll Recognition

Geography Awareness Week

Coats for Kids

Jump Rope for Heart — American Heart Association

Student tutoring at noon



533-7322

Live Urban Comedy Show

On May 27, La Hacienda will host the Live Urban Comedy Show. This show will be headlined by Tone X, hosted by Darrell Kyle, opened by Charles Walden and will feature Big Les. This show is adult entertainment. You must be 18 years old and show valid I.D. to enter. Get your tickets early. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For information, call 533-3802.



A Concealed Class will be held on May 31, June 7, 11 & 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$67. Range Day will be held on June 11 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The next night paintball willbe held this Friday. Sign-up from 7-8 p.m. Play from 8-11 p.m.. Cost is \$5 for the range fee and \$20 for the rental package.

iams, Tom Wiederstein and Beverly Zuniga

Special Recognition for Service

Virginia Hall Dining Facility, 304th MI Continuous Learning — Sgt. Maj. Bo Long, Ginger Maxey — Water Wise and Energy Smart, Buffalo Corral and New Kids On The Block.

Law Day Poster Contest Winners

1st place: Alex R. Sanchez (Second Grade)

2nd place: Jamesia Orr (Third Grade)

3rd place: Katherine Sholl (First Grade)

Honorable Mention: Brianna Clark (Third Grade), Andrea Rodriguez (Second Grade), Marlon Mazueta (Third Grade) and Katrina Mora (Third Grade)

Student Council Service Projects

School dances

Eighth grade Promotion Dance

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The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper



Medical Activity Command

Heat injuries are real concern in Arizona

By Robert A. Parkins
Safety Officer

Many Army installations are in areas where temperatures in the summertime can rise to well over 100 degrees. People coming from cooler climates must acclimate to hot temperatures. Usually, acclimatization takes two weeks and is accomplished by gradually increasing exposures to hot weather over that time period.

Arid climates in the U.S. helped the Army realize the importance of proper acclimatization and good hydration practices so that our soldiers can function in similar environments such as Southwest Asia.

There are three types of heat injuries: cramps, exhaustion and strokes.

Heat cramps are painful spasms of the muscles caused by excessive loss of salt from the body. Because water and salt loss cause dehydration and reduce efficiency long before any obvious sign of heat illness, ensuring an adequate intake of water is essential.

However, the amount of water the body requires depends on the amount of sweating that occurs and that varies from one individual to another. Since thirst is not a dependable indicator, drink water frequently (a cup every 15-20 minutes, not to exceed 1.5 quarts per hour). Do not use salt tablets! If cramps persist, dissolve a quarter teaspoon of table salt in one quart of water, and drink it slowly.

Excessive salt depletion and dehydration can cause heat exhaustion. Symptoms are profuse sweating, headache, a tingling sensation in the extremities, weakness, loss of appetite, dizziness, nausea, cramps, chills and rapid breathing. You must hydrate the individual (get water into the victim's system); lay the victim in a cool, shady spot; and elevate the legs. Pour water on the victim and fan to cool. If conscious, have him/her drink cool water slowly.

Heat stroke is the most dangerous of the heat-related illnesses and can be fatal. Its symptoms include mental changes, psychotic behavior and confusion, disorientation or coma, throbbing headache, flushed dry skin, nausea, and elevated body temperature.

The difference between heat stroke and head exhaustion is the changes in mental status. Treatment must be immediate, and prompt transport to medical care is essential. Move the casualty to a shaded area and cool with ice packs, cool water, or whatever is available. Fan his/her body and elevate the feet. Ensure the cooling process continues during transport to a medical treatment facility.

Undoubtedly, environmental factors have an impact on how well the body can regulate its temperature. When it's hot outside, the body has to work harder to cool itself. Wind speeds and the intensity of radiant

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Community Health Advisor classes offered

Cochise College release

If you want to join the growing field of community health care then you want to check out Cochise College.

The College will be offering a 16-credit Community Health Advisor certificate program in the fall, 2000.

"The program prepares students for direct employment as a community health advisor, sometimes referred to as 'promotores' or 'lay health workers,'" said Carol Chamberlain, R.N., coordinator for the new program. "They work with people from their own neighborhood and cultural backgrounds assisting them to gain access to health care and, in other ways, improve and take more control of their lives."

Community Health advisors are usually employed by community health agencies and can earn up to \$15 per hour nationally. Chamberlain said there was, and would continue to be, a growing demand for community health advisors in Arizona and across the county.

The year-long certificate program will prepare students to deal with such issues as smoking cessation, family violence, advocacy, education, disease prevention and more. The program is also a good start for those wishing to pursue a career in health care or social services, Chamberlain said.

For more information call the Cochise College Nursing Department at 364-0216.

Dental Activity Command

DENTAC answers important oral cancer questions

DENTAC release

Oral cancer, the sixth most common cancer, accounts for about 3.6 percent of all cancers diagnosed with roughly 40,000 new cases of oral cancer reported annually in the United States.

The vast majority of oral cancers occur in people older than 45 years, with men being twice as likely as women to develop the disease.

The most frequent oral cancer sites are the tongue, the floor of the mouth, soft palate tissues in the back of the tongue, lips, and gums.

If not diagnosed and treated in its early stages, oral cancer can spread leading to chronic pain, loss of function, irreparable facial and oral disfigurement following surgery, and even death.

Your general dentist can perform a thorough screening for oral cancer.

What causes oral cancer?

Scientists aren't sure of the exact cause of oral cancer. However, the carcinogens in tobacco products, alcohol and certain foods, as well as excessive exposure to the sun have been found to increase the risk of developing oral cancer.

Risk factors for oral cancer may also be genetically inherited.

What are the warning signs?

Oral cancer — represented by red, white or discolored lesions, patches or lumps in or around the mouth — is typically painless in its early stages. As the malignant cancer spreads and destroys healthy oral tissue, the lesions or lumps become more painful.

However, oral cancer is sometimes difficult to self-diagnose so routine dental exams are recommended.

See your dentist immediately if you observe: any sore that persists longer than two weeks; a swelling, growth or lump anywhere in or about the mouth or neck; white or red patches in the mouth or on the lips; repeated bleeding from the mouth or throat; difficulty swallowing or persistent hoarseness.

How does a dentist screen for it?

Your dentist should screen for oral cancer during routine checkups. He or she feels for lumps or irregular tissue changes in your neck, head, cheeks and oral cavity, and thoroughly examines the soft tissues in your mouth, specifically looking for any sores or discolored tissues.

How is oral cancer treated?

If your dentist suspects oral cancer, a biopsy of the lesion is required to confirm the diagnosis. Surgery is required to remove the tumors, which may cause disfigurement. Radiation therapy may be used as part of the treatment.

What can I do to prevent it?

Oral cancer accounts for roughly 9,000 deaths annually (about three percent of all cancer-caused deaths). Of all major cancers, oral cancer has the worst five-year survival rate at about 54 percent.

Because oral cancer is usually not diagnosed in its early stages, less than half of all oral cancer patients are cured.

You can help prevent oral cancer by not smoking, using spit tobacco and drinking excessive alcohol. When tobacco use and alcohol use are combined, the risk of oral cancer increases 15 times more than non-users of tobacco and alcohol products.

Research suggests that eating plenty of fruits and vegetables may safeguard against oral cancer.

Because successful treatment and rehabilitation are dependent on early detection, it is extremely important to see your dentist for an oral cancer screen-

ing and regular checkup at least every six months. Survival rates greatly increase the earlier oral cancer is discovered and treated.

During your next dental visit, ask your dentist to do an oral cancer screening.



Soldiers’, Sailors’ Civil Relief Act protects you

JAG release

Are pre-service debt payments, perhaps with interest rates as high as 19.8%, burdening you? Is a far-off court case proceeding in your absence? Are you having difficulties maintaining your legal residence in another state? Read on because the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act may help.

The Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act provides a wide range of protections for individuals entering or called to active duty military service. It applies to all persons on extended active duty, whether inductees, regulars, members of the National Guard, Reserves, or Volunteers, serving with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast.

This law is not intended as a sword, but rather as a shield, to protect soldiers from certain civil obligations and permit them to devote full attention to their important military duty.

The protection of the SSCRA does not apply to criminal matters but does apply to civil matters of any sort (such as divorce, adoption, personal injury damages, debts, and contract violations) in any court in the United States.

While most provisions of the SSRCA are automatic, some (particularly those involving debt payments) are not.

Reduce interest on debts

Under the SSCRA, service members on active duty can apply to creditors to have

interest rates on pre-service debts reduced to a fixed rate of 6 percent. Obtaining this interest rate reduction requires service members to notify creditors of their intent to invoke the 6 percent rate cap.

Notification should include proof of entry on active duty status, such as an enlistment contract and a current copy of one’s orders. One piece of advice — service members must be able to claim in good faith that military service has materially affected their ability to pay the debt.

In other words, if a creditor can demonstrate that a service member’s military income is greater than their pre-service income, the 6 percent interest cap would not apply. The 6 percent interest rate also does not apply to any debt incurred after the member began active duty, nor does the SSCRA apply to federally guaranteed student loans.

Finally, service members are required to notify their creditors once their active duty service ends. The interest rate prior to active duty status would then be reinstated.

Reschedule court proceedings

Another protection of the SSCRA permits the mandatory stay of some civil (not criminal) court proceedings if the member’s military service would interfere with his or her ability to represent him or herself in court.

This is intended to avoid penalizing or disadvantaging someone who is perform-

ing military duty. This provision is not automatic, however. Thus, any member of the military who receives any legal notice should never ignore it. Seek legal advice.

Then, if the circumstances warrant it, the member’s command can send a letter to the court explaining why he or she cannot take leave to appear in court. A court can then reschedule the matter to be heard when the soldier can be present.

Maintain legal residency at home

Finally, the SSCRA provides the authority for a military member to remain a legal resident of one state even though he or she is stationed in a different state.

This guarantees service members the right to continue voting in the state of their home of record, and protects them from paying taxes in two different states.

As a result, a service member’s state of legal residence may tax military income and personal property, but the service member may not be subject to certain taxes in the state to which they are transferred pursuant to military orders.

This applies only to taxation of military pay and personal property; if a soldier works a civilian job outside their military duty status, they are not exempt from paying state tax in the state in which they work.

Also, the SSCRA does not protect the spouse or family members of soldiers. Thus, spouses of military members may not

be able to retain their former legal residence.

One word of caution is due concerning your state of legal residence. Despite the SSCRA, states — and notably state tax departments in search of additional revenue — can challenge a soldier’s choice of residency.

States will consider indicators of residency, such as where a soldier votes, where he or she registers an automobile and obtains a driver’s license, and perhaps even where a soldier owns land or holds a library card.

If too many of these indicia point to a state other than the one claimed by the soldier as his or her legal residence, that state may send a tax bill in an attempt to collect state taxes.

To avoid this consequence, and to avoid the trouble of proving your legal residency in another state, soldiers should maintain consistent contacts with the state in which they claim residency.

(Editor’s note: This article is a synopsis of the most common and relevant provisions in the SSCRA. This overview is intended to provide general information, and is not intended to be relied upon as a substitute for legal or financial advice. As always, consult with an attorney for advice on your particular circumstances. Active duty soldiers and their dependents can make appointments with an attorney by calling Fort Huachuca’s Legal Assistance Office at 533-2009. Legal advice cannot be given over the phone.)

Identity from Page 4

— Do not give out personal information over the phone, the mail, or Internet unless you have initiated the contact, know who you are dealing with, and/or are on a secure Internet site.

If you are a victim

If you suspect your personal information has been fraudulently accessed take action now.

— Call the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus.

- Equifax 1-800-525-6285
- Experian 1-888-EXPERIAN
- Trans Union 1-800-680-7289

— Request a “Fraud Alert” be placed in your file by each of the three major credit bureaus and that no new credit be granted without your approval.

— Close all accounts that have been fraudulently accessed or opened. Contact the security departments of the appropriate creditors or financial institutions and follow up with a letter. It is extremely important to notify credit card companies in writing of your dispute.

— File a report with your local police. Get a copy of the report in case you need proof of the crime later on.

Incidences of identity theft are expanding as fast as Internet usage however, experts say the majority of such crimes still happen the old-fashion way: someone steals personal information from readily available documents. According to the U.S. General Accounting Office, arrests for identity theft increased from 8,806 in 1995 to 9,455 in 1997, while financial losses grew from \$442 million to \$745 million over the same period.

Resolving and clearing up credit damage resulting from identity theft is time-consuming, frustrating, and all-too-often expensive. While you can not prevent identity theft

from occurring you can minimize your risk.

Please take a few moments now and request a copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus. Foil an identity thief’s plot to steal your good name, identity, and rob you blind. If you don’t act now it can end up costing you a job, a mortgage loan, and even leave you homeless.

(Editor’s note: Sources for this article were Identity Fraud: Information on Prevalence, Cost, and Internet Impact is Limited (GAO/GGD-98-100BR, May 1, 1998), www.consumer.gov/idtheft, www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/credit/idtheft.htm.)

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energy from the sun can also affect the body’s cooling ability.

A number of factors increase heat stress on the body and thus the probability of heat injury. The biggest problem is that people do not drink enough water. Many fall victim to heat injuries while exercising early in the morning. They suffer heat injuries, even though it is still cool outside, because they do not replace the water they lost the day before.

An overweight or fatigued body may not be able to cool itself properly. Heavy

meals and hot food place added heat stress on the body. Alcohol and drugs such as tranquilizers, antihistamines, cold medicines and some anti-diarrhea medications cause dehydration and increase the threat of heat injury. Other factors affecting the body’s ability to lose heat include tight clothing, sickness, fever and sunburn. Once someone has suffered a heat injury, especially heat stroke, that person is more susceptible to future heat injuries.

The most important step to take in preventing heat injuries is to drink plenty

of water. Sweating is the only way the body can maintain its proper temperature in hot weather. A person can lose in excess of one quart of water per hour by sweating. This must be continuously replaced to prevent a heat injury.

Working or exercising in the heat multiplies fluid loss. If you work vigorously in the heat, you must drink several gallons of water per day to properly maintain your body-temperature control capabilities. Drink water frequently and in small amounts throughout the day. Continue to drink water into the evening

to continue the rehydration process.

Remember that thirst is not a good indicator of when the body needs water. By the time thirst kicks in, the body is already in danger of a heat injury such as cramps, exhaustion or stroke. Heat Injury Prevention classes are available for your soldiers through the Preventive Medicine Service at RWBAHC. Call Cpl. Crayton at 533-9013 for information or scheduling.

(Editor’s note: Parkins is the Safety Officer with William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Texas.)

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threats. After the state Game and Fish Department captured the mountain lion, it was taken to the State Lab on a Sunday morning and lab personnel issued final results by 11 a.m. that day. Lab workers determined the mountain lion was not rabid, saving the child from having to undergo anti-rabies treatment.

So far this year, 21 animals — which include four foxes, six skunks, one bobcat, and 10 bats — have been found infected with rabies, compared to 15 animals at this time last year. Seven people, five dogs and more than 50 cats have been exposed to rabies in these incidents.

While healthy animals rarely attack people, the behavior change with rabies sometimes causes attacks.

For example, rabid foxes attacked two children in Pinal County in March. This makes the work that the state lab does in testing an important link to finding out if appropriate measure are needed to prevent these attacks from turning into a deadly disease.

The rabies virus attacks the central nervous system and is always fatal once symptoms occur. It is transmitted to people or pets through bites from infected animals or exposure to the rabid animal's saliva.

Bats are not aggressive animals and

generally do not intentionally attack humans, even when rabid. Rabid bats are usually found on or near the ground or are seen flying erratically during the day.

Since bats are migrating now, it is not unusual to see them roosting in places like carports and eaves. If you leave them alone, they usually will go away on their own. Any bat, fox, skunk, bobcat or other wild animal that is behaving strangely should be avoided.

Bats are not aggressive, even when rabid. And there is no need to worry about bats that are flying at night, dusk or dawn, people should avoid them when they are on the ground, out during the day or appear to be sick or injured.

ADHS recommends the following precautions to protect yourself from rabies:

- Dogs and cats should be currently vaccinated against rabies.
- Do not leave food out for pets or wild animals.
- Keep people and pets away from wild animals.
- If you see an animal acting strangely, call local animal control. If it is a bat on the ground, put a box or can over it without touching it and call local animal control.



Soldiers can earn associate degree taking courses at home

TRADOC News Service

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Soldiers, family members and civilian employees can earn associate degrees by mail through a fully accredited college program in existence for more than 90 years.

“This program is designed for mobility and can follow soldiers throughout their careers, deployments and transfers,” said Paula Dalton, Management Training Team B leader with the Army Training Support Center’s Army Institute for Professional Development.

Columbia Union College, Silver Springs, Md., began offering college-level home study in 1909. Now, through the Army Corresponding Education and Training System at AIPD, soldiers can earn college credits.

Columbia Union College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Maryland State Board of Higher Education. So credit earned in the associate degree program may be transferred to other schools.

“As in all college programs, the accepting colleges reserve the right to accept or reject credit hours earned at other institutions,” Dalton said.

The goal is to earn an associate of science in general studies with emphasis on management. Students may apply to receive credit for college courses they’ve already taken, and can receive credit for Army training courses and experiences. But at least 15 credit hours must be taken through ACETS, Dalton said.

Students will have to pay a \$50 to register

for a degree-granting program. The courses cost \$80 per credit hour and there is a \$60 charge each time a student applies for one or more courses. Soldiers will be reimbursed for 75 percent of the tuition by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support when a course is completed.

Most of the courses require two tests. They can be taken at the installation education office under the supervision of a test control officer, or by special arrangements with the Army Correspondence Course Program office in AIPD.

Students have up to a year to complete a course, but extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis, Dalton said. But there is no time limit set for earning the associate degree. If a student cancels or allow enrollment to lapse, he or she will be charged another application fee.

Although ATSC education specialists developed the program primarily for soldiers, their families and Army civilians, military members and civilian employees and families in the Air Force, Navy and Marines can enroll the same way Army people do.

Enroll information is on the Internet at <http://www.atsc.arm.mil/accp/college.htm>, or call DSN 927-2079/5715 or 757-878-2079/5715. Interested individuals may also write to:

Army Institute for Professional Development
Army Training Support Center
Attention: ACETS
Newport News, VA 23628.